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AMENDMENT "B"

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 21, 2004. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by December 21, 2004, and this response is being filed on January 21, 2005 with a one-month extension. Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record for this application.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.